

Panax

Convention includes security briefings

Washington — Forty top editors, correspondents and corporate staffers of Panax Newspapers are gathered here this week for a series of high-level briefings on

willing to sit on history's sidelines and let the big papers shape what people learn — or don't learn — about the most crucial issues of our time. But that is not how we view our role in Panax, and that is the 'why' of this seminar — to thrust ourselves into the very center of the decision arena, and to take from it not only information but also a permanent sense of concern.

Highlights of the unique series of sessions include a panel on present military capabilities and intentions of the Soviet Union, chaired by former career Ambassador Foy Kohler, whose posts included the ambassadorship in Moscow; briefings by CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner and Gen. David C. Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as briefings by Jody Team

Powell at the White House and Hodding Carter III at the State Department.

Also, addresses by U.S. Senators Jake Garn (R-Utah) and

developing an alternate evaluation to the CIA's of Soviet military strength; and, a dialogue between former Navy Secretary J. William Middendorf II, and William Lind, a member of Sen. Gary Hart's staff and an acknowledged expert on U.S. naval affairs.

MEMBERS of the Globe staff attending the conference include Executive Editor Gary Farrugia and Managing Editor John Elvin. Members of the reporting staff will attend the Pentagon briefing. Globe Publisher David A. Schansberg will also attend several of the sessions and will introduce Fairfax City Mayor Frederick Silverthorne to the Panax assemblage at Evans Farm Inn in McLean on Wednesday evening.

The seminar was conceived and organized by James R. Whelan, Vice President and Editorial Director of Panax, with planning for it coordinated by Joseph



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national security and defense issues.

Panax President John P. McGoff, leading the group, said the seminar is designed to give Panax editors a heightened awareness of "survival" issues.

"TRADITIONALLY," McGoff said, "smaller community newspapers have been



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Harry F. Byrd (I-Virginia); U.S. Rep. Philip M. Crane (R-Illinois), first declared candidate for the presidency in next year's elections; Paul Nitze, foremost critic of the SALT treaties; and Prof. Richard Pipes of Harvard's Russian Research Center, who headed the presidential "B



Mayor Silverthorne

J. Gross, Vice President-Personnel of the company.

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